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GREAT HARWOOD
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Medical Officer of Health
and Public Health Inspector



FOR THE YEAR
1967

GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

on the

HEALTH AND SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

of the

DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR

1967

R. C. WEBSTER

Medical Officer of Health

G. WALMSLEY

Public Health Inspector
and Cleansing Superintendent

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1967 - 1968

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Councillor T. C. Potts

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor H. Harris

COMMITTEE

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D. Mercer.
A. Singleton.
W. Wells.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Administrative Staff

Medical Officer of Health

and

Divisional Medical Officer of Health (No. 5 Division)

R.C. WEBSTER, T.D., B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H., D.C.H.

Public Health Inspector

and

Cleansing Superintendent

G. WALMSLEY, M.R.S.P.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Typist & Clerk

Miss M. Cunliffe

Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Great Harwood.

To the Chairman and Members

of the

Great Harwood Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1967.

Statistics for the year are very satisfactory, with once again a remarkably low infant mortality and a remarkably low still-birth rate.

Infectious diseases presented no significant problem during the year.

It is satisfactory to notice that there was during the year a substantial increase in the number of new houses built. Surrounded as it is by very pleasant country, Great Harwood can become very attractive indeed as property of the old-fashioned type is replaced by modern housing.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, for your unfailing kindness and consideration and my colleagues - particularly the Clerk of the Council and the Senior Public Health Inspector - for their continuous and friendly co-operation.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

OF THE AREA

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

Area in acres	2,868
Number of inhabited houses (1.4.67.)	3,945
Number of Commercial premises etc.	1,003
Rateable Value	£276,023
Sum represented by a penny rate (1967)	£1,079
Population at 1951 Census	10,739
Estimated Population for 1967	10,620

CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA

The principal industries are the manufacture of cotton goods, light engineering trades, footwear, coated felts, floor coverings, food manufacture and packing.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	88	73	161
Illegitimate	6	2	8
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Total	94	75	169
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Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimate population:

Crude	15.9
Adjusted	17.3

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL
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Total	-	1	1
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Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births 6.0

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	78	79	157

Mortality Rate per 1,000 estimate population:

Crude	14.8
Adjusted	13.9

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population:

(England and Wales) . . .	11.2
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INFANT MORTALITY

	Males			Females		
	Total	Legit	Illegit	Total	Legit	Illegit
<u>Deaths of Infants</u>						
Under 1 year of age	-	-	-	1	1	-
Under 4 weeks of age	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 1 week of age	-	-	-	-	-	-

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	5.9
Neo Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	NIL
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	NIL
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	NIL

Comparative Birth Rates, Civilian Death Rates

Analysis of Mortality and Maternal Mortality in the year 1967

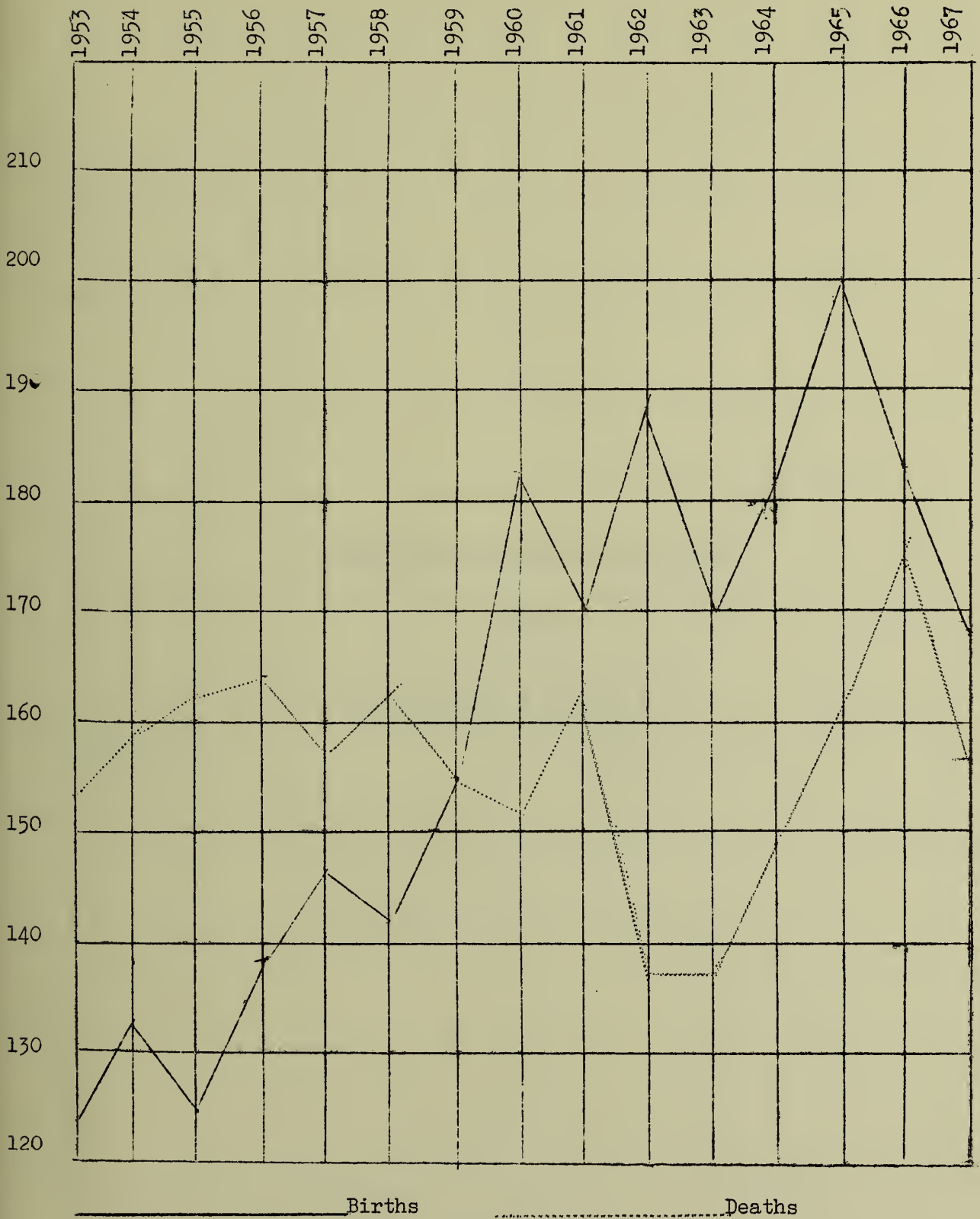
	England and Wales	Great Harwood
	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population	
<u>Births</u>		
Live Births	17.2	17.3
Still Births	14.8	6.0
<u>Deaths</u>		
All causes	11.2	13.9
Tuberculosis (all forms)	0.042	0.00
Cancer (all forms)	2.27	2.07
Lung and bronchus	0.58	0.56
Other cancer	1.69	1.32
Maternal mortality (total)	0.20 (a)	0.00
Infant mortality	18.3 (b)	5.9 (b)
Neo-natal mortality	12.5 (b)	0.00 (b)
<u>Notifications (corrected)</u>		
Typhoid Fever	0.003	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.002	0.00
Meningococcal infection	0.006	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.399	0.65
Whooping Cough	0.693	0.28
Diphtheria	0.000	0.00
Erysipelas	0.029	0.00
Measles	9.511	3.50
Acute Pneumonia	0.123	0.09
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.00	0.00
Acute Encephalitis	0.002	0.00
Dysentery	0.456	0.00
Food poisoning	0.104	0.09
Puerperal pyrexia	0.086	0.00
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0.228	0.09

(a) Per 1,000 total (live and still) births

(b) Per 1,000 live births

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, others	-	-	-
Syphilitic diseases	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infections and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	3	6
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	9	3	12
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	1	-	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	13	12	25
Coronary Diseases, angina	29	17	46
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-
Other heart diseases	6	19	25
Other circulatory diseases	2	6	8
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Bronchitis	5	2	7
Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital Malformation	-	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	2	8	10
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
All other accidents	2	2	4
Homicide and operations of war	-	1	1
Suicide	-	1	1
TOTAL	78	79	157

ANALYSIS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS



GENERAL PROVISIONS

of the

HEALTH SERVICE

HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO GREAT HARWOOD

Divisional Health
Committee

Office at 19, St. James Street,
Accrington, Telephone Accrington 34223.

Divisional Medical Officer

Dr. R. C. Webster

Ante-Natal Clinics

Water Street, Great Harwood.
Every Thursday morning.

County Clinic

High Street, Rishton. First and
third Wednesday each month.

Child Welfare Clinic

Water Street, Great Harwood. All
day every Wednesday. Immunisation
and U.V.R., by appointment.

For the following services:-

Day nurseries, Domestic Helps, Mental Health Service,
Accommodation for the elderly (not sick) persons.

Enquiries should be made at the Divisional Health Office,
19, St. James Street, Accrington.

Divisional Education
Executive

Divisional Medical Officer,
Dr. R. C. WEBSTER.

School medical routine and special examination.

Minor ailment clinic every Friday morning.

Opthalmic and Orthopaedic Clinic (by appointment) at
High Street, Rishton.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

All pathological and bacteriological work for the Health Department is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Preston.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This service is administered by the No. 5 Health Division of the Lancashire County Council.

HOME HELP SERVICE

The Home Help service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

A weekly clinic is held for children under five years, and a pre-natal clinic is held once a fortnight. The duties are under the control of the Divisional Health Authority. The clinic is situated in the Water Street Health Centre.

DAY NURSERIES

There is one day nursery in the town administered by the Divisional Health Authority.

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

One hostel is available for aged persons. It is operated by the County Council and has accommodation for thirty-nine men and women.

Lyndon House, erected in 1963, was extended in 1966 to provide additional accommodation for older people. 41 flatlets are now available supervised by a full time warden.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL

of

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

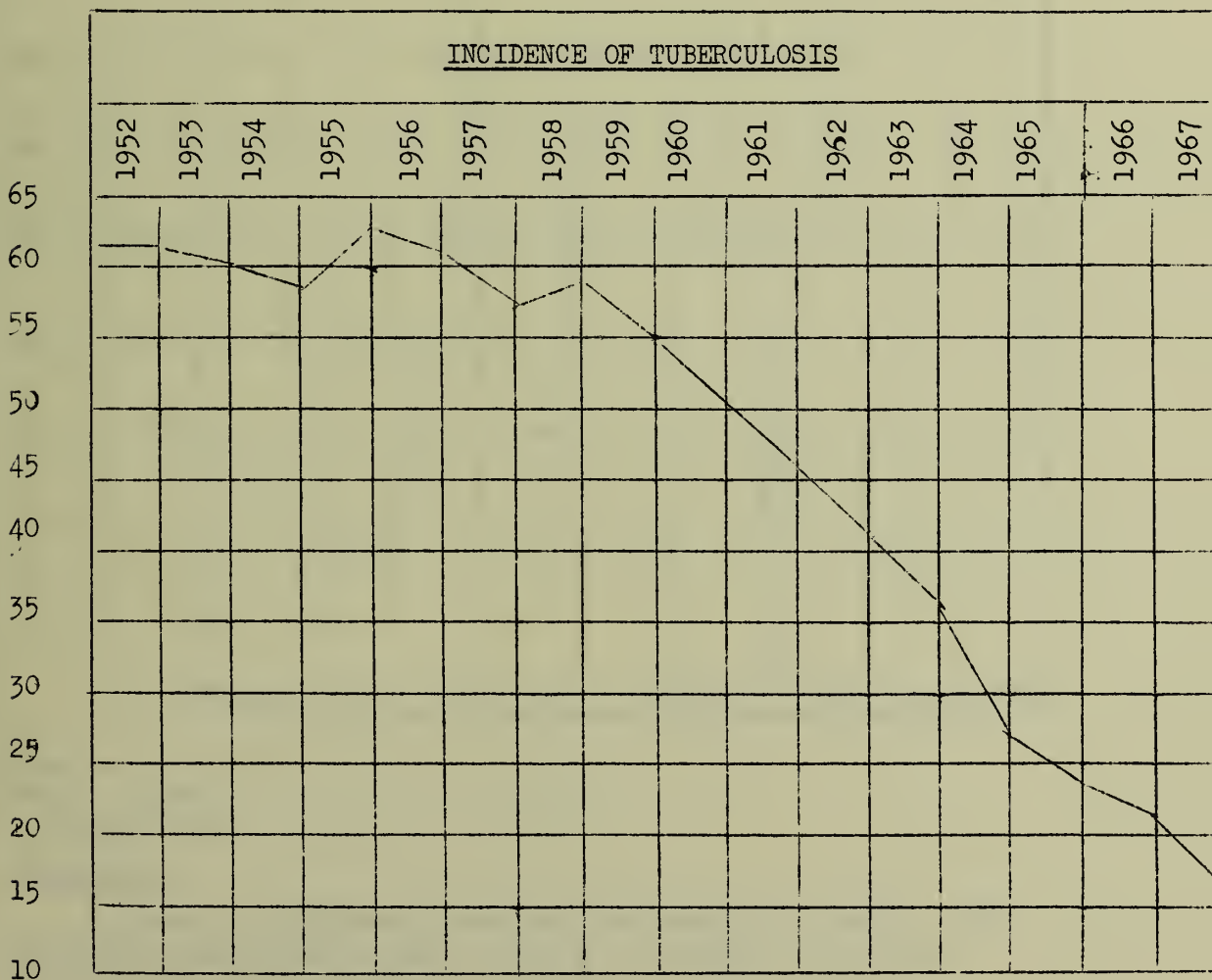
TUBERCULOSIS

The administration is carried out by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board and co-operation is maintained through the Public Health Department. Disinfection of articles and premises is carried out when necessary.

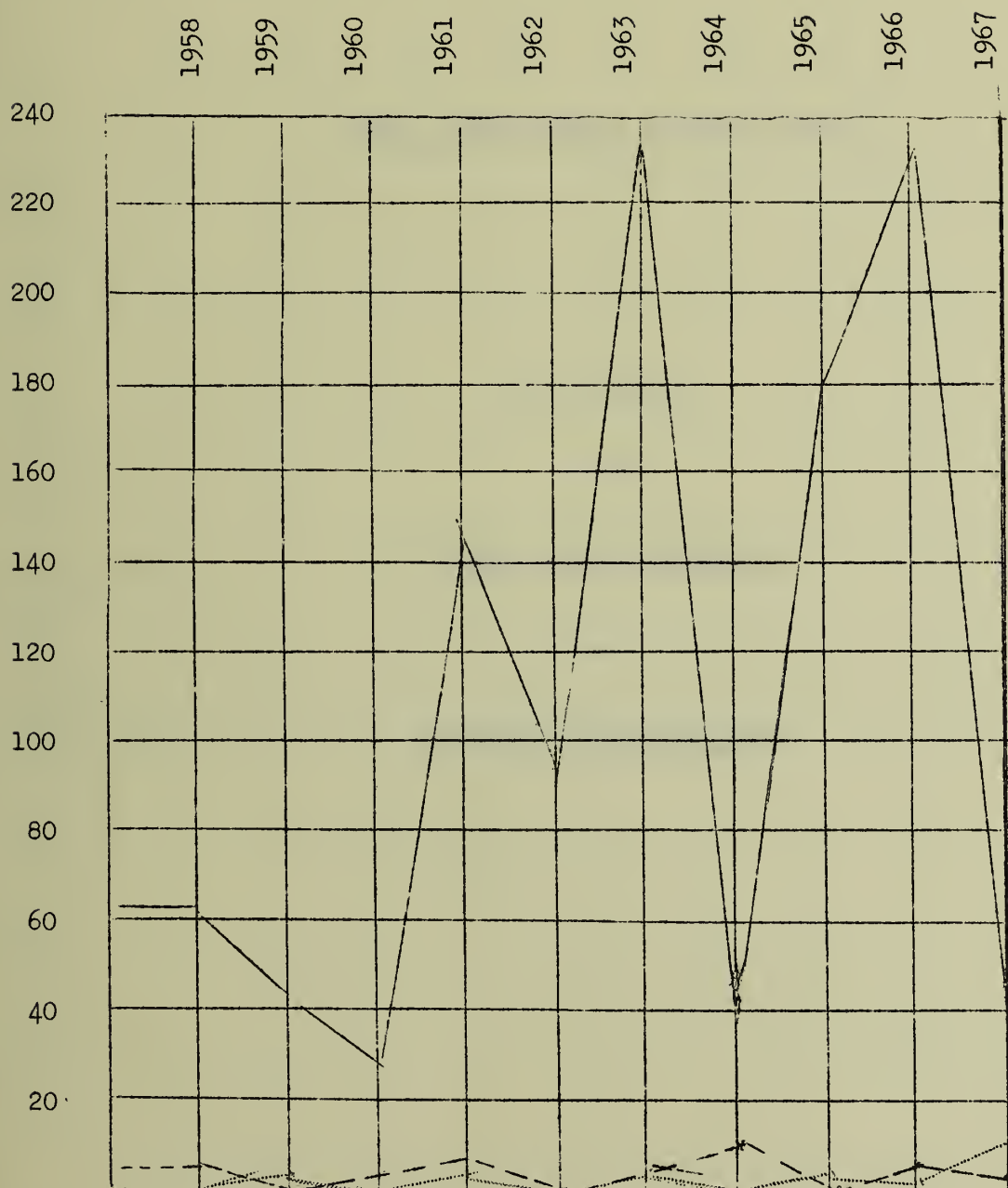
The total number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1967 was as follows:-

<u>Respiratory</u>			<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		
<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
9	4	13	2	1	3

Two persons on the register are Commonwealth immigrants.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE STATISTICS



Measles _____
Scarlet Fever
Whooping Cough - - - - -

DIPHTHERIA

No cases of diphtheria were reported during the year. The diphtheria immunisation administration is carried out by the Divisional Health Authority.

GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my 19th Annual Report for 1967. The cleansing service operated very satisfactorily during the year although the amount of refuse has considerably increased. A free service is given for the removal of all unwanted household articles but in spite of this widely advertised fact, it is annoying to find the surrounding countryside littered with discarded household furniture.

All the pail closets have now been converted and given adequate financial aid the speeding up of waste water closet conversions could proceed more rapidly.

Mains water supplies have been extended to supply dwellings on the outskirts of the town and only a few isolated houses now depend upon private supplies.

I should like to thank the Health Department typist/clerk Miss M. Cunliffe for all the excellent work done during the year on wages, records, registers, accounts etc. The support of the Health Committee is also acknowledged for their interest and support during the year.

Yours faithfully,

G. WALMSLEY

Public Health Inspector.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

OF FOOD

MILK AND DAIRIES

Number of farms1

MILK SAMPLES

(1) Samples for Biological Examination -

	Total No. of samples submitted	Results		
		Positive	Negative	No result
Results:-	7			
(a) Tuberculosis		Nil	1	-
(h) Brucellosis - Ring Test		Nil	6	-
(c) " - Culture Test		Nil	-	-
(d) " - Biological Test . . .		Nil	5	-

(2) Samples for Statutory Tests -

Raw Milk:-	No. of samples	Satisfactory	Unsatis- factory	Void sample
(a) Methylene Blue Test	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Heat Treated Milk:				
(b) Methylene Blue Test	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Phosphatase Test				
(d) Turbidity Test				
(e) Colony Count Test				

ICE CREAM REGULATIONS - Registered Premises

Manufacturers (hot mix) 1 Manufacturers (cold mix)

Vendors (shops, etc.) 36 Hawkers

WATER SUPPLYRAW WATER SAMPLES (Local Authority)

Bacteriological Examinations (Private Supply)

TREATED WATER SAMPLES (Local Authority)

Bacteriological Examinations.. .. .

" " (Public Swimming Baths)

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING

A total of 55 samples was obtained comprising 26 milks (of which one was a Channel Islands milk) and 29 others as follows:-

3 Sweets	1 Cough Medicine
1 Coconut	1 Pain Relief Tablets
1 Barley	1 Soft Drink Crystals
1 Sago	1 Dried Fruit
1 Jam	1 Instant Rice
1 Cheese	1 Sterilised Cream
1 Cockles, jar	1 Tinned Tomatoes
1 Brown Bread	1 Flavouring Essence
1 Zinc & Castor Oil B.P.	1 Ground Mixed Spice
1 Saccharin Tablets	1 Ground White Pepper
1 Borax B.P.	1 Cough Medicine
1 Bicarbonate of Soda	1 Throat Lozenges
1 Boracic Acid Crystals	1 Junior Aspirin Tablets
1 Actal Tablets	

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Formal milk	Freezing point indicates the presence of 0.5% extraneous water.	Producer cautioned and further samples obtained.
Instant Rice	Vitamin B1 0.08 milligram per ounce and Niacin 0.56 milligram per ounce corresponding in each case to approximately half the quantity claimed on the packet. The vitamin claims were not in the form required by the Labelling of Food Order which specifies that these vitamins be stated in terms of milligrams per ounce and not as a percentage of daily requirement in an average serving	Importer communicated with

STORAGE SALE AND PREPARATION OF FOOD

Number of food premises and type at the end of the year:-

General grocers and provision dealers	30
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game etc.)	14
Fishmongers(including those selling poultry, game etc.)	1
Meat Shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe etc.)	11
Bakers and/or confectioners	18
Fried Fish Shops	8
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	11
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	34
Others.. .. .	10

Number of Registered Premises

Ice Cream	30
Meat Preparation etc.	4

MEAT INSPECTION

	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	20,284	1
Number inspected	20,284	1
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci-		
Whole carcasses condemned	8	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2,500	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	12.3%	-
Tuberculosis only-		
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-
Cysticercosis-		
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	265	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-

H O U S I N G

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

These are not operated by the Council.

STANDARD GRANTS

Details of standard grants up to December 31st, 1967, are as follows

	Applications Received	Applications Approved
1960	108	108
1961	101	101
1962	92	92
1963	77	77
1964	93	93
1965	124	124
1966	83	83
1967	91	91

GRANTS PAID

	Premises	Amount of Grant	Bath	Amenities			
				Washbasin	Hot Water	W.C.	Food Store
1960	99	£11318	88	89	70	92	95
1961	107	£11899	95	94	77	104	85
1962	92	£14813	107	109	85	120	96
1963	74	£8897	61	69	49	74	65
1964	89	£10113	81	84	43	92	87
1965	103	£13369	93	92	85	103	99
1966	93	£11662	80	80	70	92	91
1967	75	£9068	63	66	50	74	72

1. Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-

(a) By the local authority	9
(b) By other local authorities	NIL
(c) By other bodies or persons	4

2. Total number of dwellings owned by the local authority at end of year 44

3. Inspections of dwellings during the year:-

(i) (a) Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act)	7
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	14
(c) No. of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	1
(ii) Total No. of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -	
(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time)	NIL
(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made	16

4. Houses Demolished:-

In or Adjoining Clearance Areas:	Number	Displaced during year from houses to be demolished or closed	
		Persons	Families
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	14	20	11
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) Houses on land acquired under S.43(2) Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL	NIL
Not in or Adjoining Clearance Areas:			
(iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL	NIL
(v) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	NIL	NIL	NIL

5. Unfit Houses Closed:-	Number	Displaced during year from houses to be demolished or closed	
		Persons	Families
(i) Under S.16(4), S.17(1) and S.35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and S.26, Housing Act, 1961	1	1	1
(ii) Under S.17(3) and S.26 Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) Parts of Buildings closed under S.18 Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL	NIL
6. Unfit Houses Made Fit:-	Number		
(i) By owner after informal action by local authority	14		
(ii) After formal notice under S.9 and S.16 Housing Act, 1957	(a) by owner NIL		
	(b) by local authority .. . NIL		
(iii) After formal notice under Public Health Acts	3		
(iv) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S.21 Housing Act, 1961	NIL		
(v) After determination of a demolition order under S.24, Housing Act, 1957	NIL		
(vi) After determination of a closing order under S.27, Housing Act, 1961	NIL		
7. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-	Number of Houses	Number of occupant of houses in Col.	
	(1)	(2)	
Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders	NIL	NIL	

SANITARY ACCOMODATION

86 waste water closets were converted during the year, 35 being converted or renewed due to standard grant improvements. There are approximately 1,100 waste water closets still remaining in the district.

FACTORIES

There are 56 factories including bakehouses on the register and 32 visits were made during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

All rodent control and disinfection work was undertaken by Messrs. Rentokil Ltd. All complaints were readily dealt with and the contract scheme has operated successfully. The Council's tip was treated for rats every six weeks and two sewer treatments were carried out.

The following details show the amount of work carried out during the year.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	4925	18
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	59	1
(c) No. of (b) infested by - rats	43	1
mice	16	-
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	8	-
(e) No. of (d) infested by - rats	3	-
mice	-	-

CARAVAN SITES

One site is licensed for 60 holiday caravans. The site is situated in a secluded position away from residential development and the standard of site amenities is excellent.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

Only periodical inspections were carried out during the year. A reasonable amount of work has been carried out at various premises to comply with the provisions of the Act and details of premises are as follow

	Offices	Retail Shops	Whole- sale shops, ware- houses	Catering Estab- lishments open to public, canteens	Fuel Stores Depots
(i) No. of registered premises at end of year	13	43	1	1	-
(ii) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	6	14	1	2	-
(iii) No. of exemptions current at end of year	-	-	-	-	-

CLEAN AIR ACT

The Health Committee deferred action for the time being until the fuel position and other relevant factors had been clarified. The whole district originally should have been completed by 1970 and it is hoped that a resumption of smoke control may be commenced in the near future.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of household refuse was maintained throughout the year mainly due to the excellent work performed by the outdoor staff.

The vehicles operated by the Health Department are as follows:

One Gibson Pendulum	8-12 cu.yd. compressor
One Karrier Ramillies	8-12 cu.yd. "
One Dennis Side Loader	7 cu.yd.
One Lewin Sweeper	
One Weatherill 12H Loading Shovel	

SALVAGE

Year	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s	d	Average tonnage per month	
							Tons	Cwts.
1967	52	13	1	369	13	2	4	7
1966	65	14	0	492	15	2	5	9
1965	105	16	3	786	15	10	8	16
1964	93	7	1	560	3	6	7	15
1963	64	14	2	388	7	-	5	7
1962	47	9	-	289	14	7	3	19
1961	102	9	3	666	3	-	8	10
1960	138	7	3	899	7	-	11	10
1959	124	11	1	752	19	-	10	4
1958	119	11	3	762	16	6	9	19
1957	131	11	-	855	1	-	10	19
1956	134	3	1	975	13	-	11	3
1955	151	12	3	1212	12	-	12	12

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(I) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	-	-	-
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	32	5	-
(III) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	56	32	5	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Insp-ector	By H.M. Insp-ector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	-	-

CLEANSING SERVICE

Table showing estimated costs for the year ending 31st March 1968

Item	Particulars	Refuse Collection	Refuse Disposal	Salvage	Street Cleansing inc:gully cleaning. Street Sweeping - District Roads.
A.	Gross Exp- enditure	£10,175	£3,180	£627	£1,373
B.	Gross Income	£95	£527		-
C.	Net Cost	£10,080	£3,380		£1,373
D.	Net Cost per 1,000 premises	£2,015	£675		-
E.	Net Cost per 1,000 population	£950	£318		-
F.	Net Cost equivalent rate in £.	9.3d.	3.4d.		1.2d.

